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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/124/2021_2022_LSAT_E7_BB_BC_E5_90_88_c87_124005.htm "The goal of business should not

be to make as big a profit as possible. Instead, business should also concern itself with the well-being of the public." Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the opinion expressed above.

Support your point of view with reasons and/or examples from your own experience, observations, or reading. I agree that business has some obligation to the community and society in which it operates.

But should this obligation take precedence over the profit objective

? My answer is no. The primary reason why I agree business should have a duty to the public is that society would be worse off by

exonerating business from social responsibility. Left entirely to their own self-interest, businesses pollute the environment, withhold

important product information from consumers, pay employees substandard wages, and misrepresent their financial condition to

current and potential shareholders. Admittedly, in its pursuit of

profit business can benefit the society as well-by way of more and better-paying jobs, economic growth, and better yet lower-priced

products. However, this point ignores the harsh consequences-such as those listed earlier-of imposing no affirmative social duty on

business, Another reason why I agree business should have a duty to serve the public is that business owes such a duty. A business enters

into an implied contract with the community in which it operates, under which the community agrees to permit a corporation to do

business while the business implicitly promises to benefit, and not harm, the community. This understanding gives rise to a number of social obligations on the part of the business-to promote consumer safety, to not harm the environmental, to treat employees and competitors fairly, and so on. Although I agree that business should have a duty to serve the public, I disagree that this should be the primary objective of business. Imposing affirmative social duties on business opens a Pandora's box of problems-for example, how to determine, (1) what the public interest is in the first place, (2) which public interests are most important, (3) what actions are in the public interest, and (4) how business duty to the public might be monitored and enforced. Government regulation is the only practical way to deal with these issues, yet government is notoriously inefficient and corrupt : the only way to limit these problems is to limit the duty of business to serve the public interest. In sum, I agree that the duty of business should extend beyond the simple profit motive. However, its affirmative obligations to society should be tempered against the public benefits of the profit motive and against the practical problems associated with shouldering business with an affirmative duty to ensure the public's well-being. 100Test 下载频道 开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 www.100test.com